Criteria

Criteria – There are three criteria for funding which are intended to fund services that address well-documented, critical unmet needs while encouraging innovation and being available for changing needs in the community. Those three criteria are:
*   The program should address a previously identified priority for social services funds (as indicated in the SCAN or other community-wide survey of social services needs);
*   The funds should provide a one-time investment that, through matching funds or other fiscal leveraging, make a significant contribution to the program; and
*   This investment should lead to broad and long-lasting benefits to the community.

1. These criteria and the program policy statement provide clear guidance on funding decisions?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

2. The committee consistently applies the criteria when making its recommendations.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

3. My agency sought funds for:

    Salaries or operational expenses
    Equipment
    Capital improvements

4. The one-time funding requirement distinguishes this funding source from other local funding sources and provides a useful niche for social services funding requests.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

5. The one-time funding requirement helps your agency carry out its mission.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

6. These criteria as a whole help your agency carry out its mission.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

7. Comments on the Criteria and How They are Applied:

Schedule and Reimbursement Procedures

Funding Cycle

This program usually begins with solicitations in March and April, funding deliberations in May, and Council action in June. Agencies then, typically, have the remainder of the year to seek reimbursement of funds under the grant.

8. It would benefit your agency for the funding cycle to begin earlier in the year.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

9. Is there an optimum time of year for your agency to seek and receive these funds?

Comment:

Reimbursement

The funds under these grants are only released after the agency has provided proof of the expenditure or obligation to pay. This method of payment provides prompt verification of compliance with the funding agreement and is consistent with the method used by other City social services programs.

10. The reimbursement requirement does not put undue obstacles in the way of the agency fulfilling its mission.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

11. Comments on the reimbursement Requirement and the Monitoring of Agreements.

Solicitation and Application Procedures

12. I learned about this funding program via:
   Solicitation letter from the Council Office
   Community Service Newsletter
   E-Mail from United Way
   E-Mail from Community and Family Resources Department
   The Herald-Times or other news media
   Another Source

13. Do you have a suggestion about how this program could best reach agencies with programs that meet its criteria?

Comment:

14. The application procedures are simple and convenient.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

15. Did your agency attend the technical assistance meeting?

Yes	No

16. The technical assistance meeting was helpful.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

17. What were the one or two things that you liked about the application procedure?

Comment

18. What were the one or two things that you disliked about the application procedure?

Comment

Committee Deliberations

The Committee meets three times before making it recommendations to the Council. At the first meeting the Committee discusses the applications, decides which will be given further consideration, and raises questions for presenters to answer at the next meeting. At the second meeting agencies make short presentations to the Committee and answer questions from its members. And, at the last meeting, the Committee has rated the applications and makes recommendations regarding allocations.

19. The committee treated agencies in a fair and even-handed manner.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

20. The proceedings provided a positive environment for social service agencies to promote their mission.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

21. The Committee made well-informed decisions.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

22. Did your agency receive 2004 Social Services Funds?

Yes	No

23. The funds my social services agency received will be sufficient to implement the proposed request.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

24. What were the one or two things that you liked about the deliberations?

Comment

25. What were the one or two things that you disliked about the deliberations?

Comment

26. What changes do you think would improve the process?

Comment

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